

BLT Meeting October 10, 2018

Attendance: Steve Roach, Mike Farley, Chis Bishop, Mike Thrasher, Elizabeth Hart, Joy Graham, Cindy Myers, Kendra Vincent, Daniel Vincent, Bernice Satterfield, Pastor Tony, Russ Seawright, Justin Cox, Mike Peters, Kayla Griffith, Shane Clardy, Andy Myers, Jimmy Myers, Nellie Durham, Faye Carroll, Barbara Reese, Yvette Rochester, Joe Davis and Kathy Moss

We came to a consensus that our mission is stated in:

Great Commandment

Matthew 22:37-39 (TEV) 37 Jesus answered, " Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and the most important commandment. 39 The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'

Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV) 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

A way to state this is suggested as shown below:

Mission Statement:

Taken from The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) and The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

The mission of Bethel Baptist Church is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, all of our soul and with all of our mind while reaching and loving each other and our neighbor as ourselves to further grow His kingdom. We seek to go and make disciples of all nations beginning with our community, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them, as well as ourselves, to observe all that He has commanded us. We will model for each other, as well as the community, how a person lives for Jesus in every area of life, family, church, and work, in such a way that others will want to develop the same relationship with Jesus that we have.

Ideas of how to have a short version of it was discussed.

Motto: LOVE, SERVE, DISCIPLE

or

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, MAKE DISCIPLES

[[[[Reference to Pointe Church in Toccoa, GA was made. From its website: <http://thepointecog.com/> and <http://thepointecog.com/ministries/small-groups> Check out their worship service. Note their life groups.

You can't do life alone. It's fact. Tough times arise and you need a shoulder to lean on. A young couple is getting ready to make their family of 2, a family of 3. Family members are preparing to say their final goodbyes. Whatever your season or circumstance, life is do-able when we have relationships we can rely on. Relationships that keep us grounded. Relationships that lift us up when we're hurting and relationships that help us celebrate the wins in life.

SIGN-UP

Small groups rotate on a regular basis. Each small group meets together for three months and then we take one month off to worship together on Wednesday nights. During the one-month break, registration is taking place for the next rotation of small groups. So, if you don't exactly feel "at home" in your current group or if you would rather do a different study, good news! No group is permanent, and each study is temporary; another opportunity is right around the corner!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 24 at 5:30 PM. The leaders of each ministry of the church are requested to come but the meeting is open to anyone who will help our church work through this process.

The Agenda (Draft) for October 17:

- Pray for wisdom
- Finalize our mission statement (detailed version) and the motto (short version) and the plan to present to the congregation for approval
- Finalize the plan to lead the church through a spiritual maturity self-assessment
- Finalize the definitions/attributes/stages/phases of spiritual maturity
- Discuss the Bethel Discipleship Process and finalize it if possible and determine our next steps

It is currently planned that in future meetings we will work on the following items in this order:

- Define the organization (Sunday School, committees, services, small groups, Ministry teams/functions) of the church needed at this time to most effectively implement the discipleship process and carry out our mission. Include in this how we will monitor/measure the effectiveness of each team and how we will hold ourselves accountable to be effective in each team.
- Define the role of the pastor and the role of each team in the organization. Use this to develop a Pastor – church covenant
- Develop a church profile that clearly defines the current state of Bethel Church
- Develop a community profile that defines the current state of the Oakway community and surrounding area
- Develop a Candidate Profile for the Pastor that we believe is needed to implement the discipleship process and lead Bethel in carrying out our mission and implementing our Discipleship Process